

I would like to express my opposition to the above referenced proceeding allowing the FCC to discontinue regulating DSL broadband service. I believe it is important to protect local ISP's for the benefit of consumers. Regulation allows local ISP's to purchase broadband connections from the major carriers at competitive prices. In turn, local ISP's offer consumers choice and personalized service.

In spite of claims to the contrary, deregulation did not promote choice and competition in the local telephone industry. Rather, deregulation seems to have caused a consolidation in the local phone industry, creating a near monopoly. I am sure a similar consolidation will occur if the DSL broadband industry is deregulated.

In the best interests of consumers, please continue to regulate DSL broadband service.